DNREC Division of Fish & Wildlife announces 2017/18 hunting photo contest winners

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"At the End of the Day," by Angela Garcia

DOVER — DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife today announced the winning entries in the 2017/18 Delaware Hunting Photo Contest. First place was awarded to Angela Garcia of Smyrna for "At the End of the Day," featuring her husband Paul and son Dominic on their boat during a hunting trip in Little Creek.

The second place winner was "Son and Father," taken by F. Neil Dougherty, of Hockessin, showing family friends Dr. Dan Elliott and his son Joseph Elliott at the end of a successful hunt at Raymond Neck.

Entries receiving honorable mention were:

- "Rehoboth Bay Ice Fog," by Justyn Foth of Viola, featuring his uncles and friend hunting in Rehoboth Bay
- "Patience is a Virtue," by Charles Burton of Milton, featuring his Chesapeake Bay retriever Ruby Bay near Gordon's Pond
- "Tranquility," by Taylor Deemer of Lewes, featuring Samantha Broadhurst with a kayak full of decoys at Collins Pond

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"Son and Father," by F. Neil Dougherty The winning photo will appear on the cover and inside the 2018/2019 Delaware Hunting & Trapping Guide. The hunting guide will be available in July 2018 online, at the DNREC license desk in Dover and from hunting license agents statewide.

Three judges — Division of Fish & Wildlife Director David Saveikis, and local photographers Jesse Baird and Rebecca Hoover, both DNREC employees — reviewed the entries and narrowed them to the top five. Photographs were judged relative to the contest theme of "A Day Afield" and for composition and technical criteria.

"The Division's annual hunting photo contest provides a great opportunity for hunters to capture and share their hunting experiences, which can inspire other hunters to enjoy, photograph, and share their hunting experiences in Delaware's great outdoors," said Director Saveikis.

For more information about future Division of Fish & Wildlife photo contests, please visit de.gov/fwphotos, or contact Jennifer Childears at 302-739-9910, or email jennifer.childears@delaware.gov.

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